

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/403,071	NISHIMURA ET AL.
	Examiner Tongoc Tran	Art Unit 2134

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to supplementary preliminary amendment filed on 9/3/2004.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,5-9,12,17,20,22,23 and 31-42.
3. The drawings filed on 13 October 1999 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: H10-031,847, H10-151,586, H0-244,825.

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to Applicant's Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on 8/9/2004 and Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed on 9/3/2004. Claims 1-3, 7-9, 17, 20, 22-23, 31-33 have been amended. Claims 4, 10-11, 13-16, 18-19, 21, 24-30 and 43 have been cancelled. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 12, 17, 20, 22, 23, and 31-42 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. *Claims 1-3, 5-9, 12, 17, 20, 22, 23 and 31-42 are allowed.*

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention is directed to providing authentication between digital AV data units including at least a data significance deciding means for deciding the significant degree of digital AV data and plurality of authentication rules storing means. The cited prior art, Okuyama et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,987,126), Ekushingu (JP Patent No. 08-214090) and Al-Tuwaijry ("High Speed RSA Processor", 1991), fail to teach "the public and secret keys or the common key are used for transmitting a sole single key from a transmission unit to a plurality of receiving units depending on the security level, such that the sole single key does not depend on the respective receiving units, and is used when the digital AV data is transmitted from the transmitting unit to the receiving units, and if the first rule or the second rule is selected by the transmitting-side authenticating means, the digital AV data encrypted using the transmitted sole single key is transmitted from the transmitting unit to the receiving units".

The art of record either singularly or in combination, do not anticipate or render the above underline claimed limitation obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tongoc Tran whose telephone number is (703) 305-7690 or (571) 272-3842 after 10/21/2004. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory A. Morse can be reached on (703) 308-4789 or (571) 272-3838. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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